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Local Naval Hero's Rescue Action Saved Pal

By Joanne Young

If you don't think truth is stranger than fiction, consider the experience of Navy Lieutenant, j.g. Ted Macklin. Not only did the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Macklon of Atlantic Avenue perform a heroic sea rescue, but the man he saved turned out to be a former shipmate.

Lt. Macklin was aboard the USS Bowen out of Charleston, S.C. when a single engine

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plane flying low drifted over the Bowen. As it neared the fast frigate, the pilot taking pictures of the ship unbelievably climbed onto the wing from the cockpit. The plane banked to the right, stalled about 250 yards from the ship and with its pilot fell into the sea.

Lt. Macklin, a Cohasset High School and Holy Cross graduate who received underwater demolition training with the Navy, was officer of the

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day and on the bridge when he saw the plane plunge and pilot plunge into the sea.

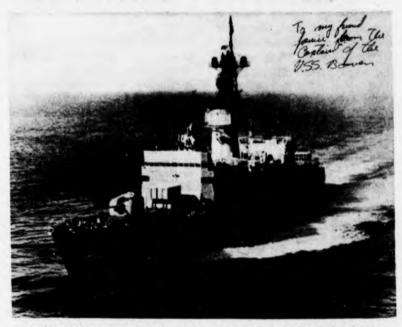
With the captain otherwise, occupied, he quickly made the decision to go to the rescue of the pilot. Scrambling into a wet suit, flippers and life vest, he dived off the ship and swam to the pilot.

The pilot turned out to be Ted's former shipmate, Petty Officer First Class Lawrence Turner, who survived with a forehead cut and compressed vertebra.

Lt. Macklin held Turner above water until they were pulled from the water by a whale boat lowered by the Bowen, then nine miles off Folly Point.

"The plane appeared to stall," said Macklin when interviewed, but he was unable to determine the cause of the crash, which was investigated by the Federal Aviation Authority. Turner was in the water "only a short time" before being rescued by Macklin, and the plane sunk to the bottom of the sea three minutes after it crashed.

The accident occured at 1:10 p.m. and the Bowen returned to the Navy Base with Turner two hours later. He spent the next 12 days in the Regional



U.S.S. BOWEN which figured in heroic rescue by Cohasset's Lt. Ted Mackin.

Naval Medical Center. Macklin said "In the water, Turner was mumbling about back pain." Because of the quick thinking and heroic action of Ted Macklin, his shipmate lived to tell this incredible tale.

Children's Art Classes Rescheduled To April 25

The starting day for children's classes at the South Shore Art Center on 103 Ripley Road has been changed to Wednesday, April 25 for Children's Clay with Marcy Baskin and to Thursday, April 26 for Children's Art Work-

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